

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad, comprising:

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment side opposite to the body side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the main sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends; and

a substantially [[planar shaped]] planar-shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the ~~surface sheet of the main sheet~~ body so that a substantial center area of

the ~~surface sheet of the~~ main sheet body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, at a respective one of the opposite ends, and

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at [[the]] each of the longitudinal side edges.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a mini sheet piece fixed on the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body, facing the garment side, the ~~mini sheet piece forming~~ a finger insertion opening being formed between the backing sheet and the mini sheet piece,

wherein the mini-sheet piece has longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the mini sheet piece being bonded to one [[each]] of

the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet[, respectively,] at [[each]] a respective one of the opposite ends.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the elongated convex area includes a bent portion formed by bending the main sheet body.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the triangular shape of the elongated convex area of the main sheet body has a top and a bottom, the top being a vertex of the triangular shape and positioned closer to the body side, wherein a longitudinal length at the top is shorter than a longitudinal length at the bottom, and
wherein each of the two ends of the elongated convex area has an opening with edges that are inwardly sloped in relation to a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the surface sheet, from the bottom to the top of the triangular shape of the elongated convex area.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area is at least 1 cm².

first absorber for absorbing body fluid; and

a substantially planar-shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the main sheet body so that a substantial center area of the main sheet body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being directly bonded to one of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, at a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges, and

wherein the interlabial pad is contained in the wrapping container for individual wrapping.

Claims 15-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 5, wherein a circumference inside the finger insertion opening formed between ~~with~~ the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body and a ~~surface of the mini sheet piece that faces the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body~~ is within a range of 40 mm to 80 mm.